Estimate of imports for 1988-89 and 1989-90 are based on technological considerations while the actual import would depend on the yearly requirement and the corresponding availability and quality of domestic sources.

(c) and (d) Import of coking coal has been resorted to for improving the blend of coal charged to the coke ovens which improve the raw material base for achieving higher productivity from the existing blast furnaces and for meeting quantity requirements. The increased productivity consequent on the use of imported coal adequately compensation for the higher cost of imported coal and therefore does not adversely reflect in the production cost of steel.

To minimise imports, steps are being taken to increase production of the right quality of indigenous coking coal. Some of these steps are:—

(i) Ensuring adequate supply of power to coal mines and washeries in the Bihar-Bengal belt;

(ii) Special steps for de-watering and to prevent flooding of collieries during the monsoons;

(iii) Modifications of some washeries so as to increase their yields and production as well as to improve washed coal quality;

(iv) Opening of new coal mines and installation of new washeries to augment production;

(v) Adequate supply of railway wagons and improving coal loading facilities at collieries/washeries; and

(vi) Speedy implementation of already sanctioned coal projects.

फसल योजना

382. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव**: क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकार द्वारा अभी तक फसल योजना को अंतिम रूप न दिए जाने के क्या कारण हैं, जिस से किसान प्रभावित हो रहे हैं और जिसके फलस्वरूप वे जिस किसी भी फसल को लाभदायक समझते हैं उसे उगाते हैं, उस वस्तु के मूल्यों में गिरावट आ जाती है और परिणामतः किसान को ही नुकसान उठाना पड़ता है ; और

(ख) देश में "कृषि प्रबन्ध" विषय को न पढ़ाये जाने के क्या कारण हैं, जबकि इसकी आवश्यकता महसूस की जा रही है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में उर्वरक विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० प्रभु): (क) फसल योजना देश में कृषि उत्पादन बढ़ाने के लिए एक सहायता के रूप में स्वीकार कर ली गई है। विभिन्न फसलों के लिए क्षेत्र के आवंटन सहित उत्पादन के लक्ष्य प्रत्येक वर्ष निर्धारित किये जाते हैं और इनके कार्यान्वयन के लिए राज्य सरकारों के साथ विचार-विमर्श किया जाता है। फसलों के चुनाव के बारे में उचित निर्णय लेने में उनकी सहायता के लिए किसानों को मूल्य तथा विपणन के संकेत प्रदान किये जाते हैं। इसके अलावा, सरकार की नीति के रूप में किसानों के हितों की रक्षा करने के लिए आवश्यकता पड़ने पर मूल्य समर्थन कार्य शुरू किये जाते हैं ताकि मूल्य सरकार द्वारा घोषित न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्यों से नीचे न गिरें।

(ख) फसल/फार्म प्रबन्ध संबंधी विशिष्ट पाठ्यक्रम भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान परिषद् की डीन समिति द्वारा बी० एस० सी० (कृषि) डिग्री कार्यक्रम के पाठ्यक्रम के एक अभिन्न भाग के रूप में शामिल किया गया है।

Cut in supply of edible oil to Vanaspati Industry

383. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that supply of imported edible oil to the Vanaspati industry has been drastically reduced;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is an abnormal rise in the prices of the

Vanaspati and other edible oils as a result thereof; and

(c) if so, the reasons for reducing the supply of imported edible oil to the Vanaspati industry?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Due to the reduction in the allocation of imported oils in manufacture of vanaspati, there was rise in the prices of edible oils and vanaspati upto January, 1987. The prices are now showing a declining trend.

(c) The supply of imported oil was reduced to:—

(i) encourage larger production of edible grade permitted minor oils such as rice bran and cottonseed oils etc.;

(ii) allow the farmers to get a better prices for indigenous oil as an incentive for larger production; and

(iii) to reduce imports of edible oils.

Non-availability of sugarcane to sugar mills

384. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:
SHRI KALPNATH RAI:
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that almost all the sugar mills in West Uttar Pradesh are lying closed due to non-availability of sugarcane;

(b) if so, the reasons for non-availability of sugarcane to the sugar mills;

(c) whether non-availability of sugarcane is also affected the working of the sugar mills in other States and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to ensure availability of sugarcane cane to the sugar mills and to see that sugar production in the country does not decline?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) No, Sir, it is not a fact that all the sugar mills in West Uttar Pradesh are lying closed. In fact, as on 15th February, 1987, 25 sugar mills in west Uttar Pradesh were working as against 24 mills working on the same date last year.

(c) As on 15th February, 1987, 329 mills were working as against 313 mills working in 1986 and 277 in 1985 on the same date.

(d) Development of sugarcane is the responsibility of the respective State Governments and the sugar factories. Loans on soft terms are available to sugar factories from the Sugar Development Fund, for developing sugarcane in their respective reserved zones. Loans amounting to Rs. 13.50 crores to sugar factories have already been sanctioned for development of sugarcane.

On its part, the Central Government have taken policy measures like raising the statutory minimum price of sugarcane and increasing the proportion of levy-sugar, etc. These measures are aimed at improving the economic viability of the sugar mills to enable them to pay better prices for sugarcane. Besides, the minimum prices of sugarcane are now announced in advance of the sowing season.

Reorganisation of D.D.A.

385. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for reorganisation of the Delhi Development Authority for streamlining the process of development of housing in the city; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?